

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/20/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 5, 11, 16, 17, 15; renumbered as 1-6, respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 5, 11, 16, and 17 are allowed. The prior art alone or in combination fail to teach or make obvious on the following when considered in combination with other limitations in the claims:

In claim 1: a registration server, coupled with the packet network, that stores data permitting a user to select a telephone number supported by an associated switch component via which communication services is enabled for the first phone, and the one switch component and the one switch component adapted to provide the first phone with a shared call appearance with the second phone through the packet network based on an IP address of the first phone received from the registration server.

In claim 5: the first phone has a shared call appearance with a second phone over the switch component and through the packet network and the first phone shares a second shared call appearance with a third phone over a second switch component and through the packet network.

In claim 11: storing at one switch component an IP address of a first phone and a telephone number selected for association with the first phone that is connectable through a packet network to the one switch component that supports originating and terminating communication services for the first phone, providing communication services by the one switch component to a second phone so that the first phone has a shared call appearance with the second phone where communications to the first phone is based on the IP address of the first phone, the second phone receiving communication origination services from the one switch component and coupled to the

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one switch component by a path that is independent of another path by which the first phone is coupled to the com switch.

In claim 15: selecting a telephone number that is associated with a first phone and a second phone supported by the any selected one or more of the plurality of switch components so that the first phone has a shared call appearance with the second phone over the any selected one or more of the plurality of switch components and through the packet network, selecting the first phone to comprise a second shared call appearance with a third phone over a second switch component and through the packet network, wherein the third phone comprises the second shared call appearance with the first phone over the second switch component and through a network.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

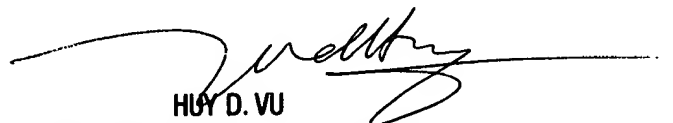
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nittaya Juntima whose telephone number is 571-272-3120. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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